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I represent a faith-based school system that has several small schools in rural areas throughout Virginia. Despite being eligible for E-Rate funds, our central office has a small staff and the E-Rate application process is burdensome to the point of inaccessibility. I submit a two-fold request: the first is to increase the funding in order to maintain and increase the vital services that are provided by E-Rate and to streamline the application process for systems such as ours so that we can equitably access these funds and provide the benefits that they would ensure.